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**REMARKS**

An Office Action was issued in the captioned application on February 24, 2005, asserting that Applicant's response filed on November 22, 2004 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. In particular, the Office Action stated, "It is unclear which feature Applicant believes is not [shown or suggested] by the prior art of record regarding Claim 23." (Office Action, pg. 2.) Applicant is responding within the one-month shortened statutory period, so it is believed that no fees are due. However, should any fees be due for this submission, the undersigned authorizes a charge to Deposit Account No. 23-2020, but not to include payment of any issue fees.

Applicant interprets the above-quoted remark in the Office Action to refer to the rejection in the prior Office Action of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over the Parsons

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